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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/762,694
Filing Date	April 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hacker et al.
Group Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	S. Mark Clardy
Attorney Docket Number	514413-3866

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____

iii. ☐ Other ____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other ____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)

b. ☐ Other ____

3. Fees

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a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other ____

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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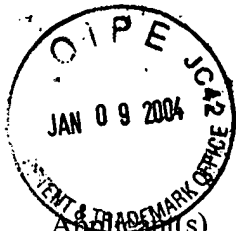
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated October 31, 2003 and to the Notice of Appeal filed on November 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this Preliminary Amendment. A check in the amount of \$770.00 in payment for the filing of the RCE has been included with this paper. No other fees are believed to be occasioned by this paper, however any additional fees or any overpayment in fees, may be charged or credited to Deposit Account No, 50-0320.